

Things That Can Be Shaken

Haggai 2:6-9

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⁶ “For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.’

⁷ ‘I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.’

⁸ ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the LORD of hosts.

⁹ ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’ declares the LORD of hosts.”

God has ways of shaking the world when He is up to something big. For example, He literally caused the ground to quake when Jesus died on the cross and also after Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit emboldened Christ’s followers to spread the gospel ([Matthew 27:51](#); [Acts 4:31](#)).

Matthew 27:51 (NASB)

⁵¹ “And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.”

Acts 4:31 (NASB)

³¹ “And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.”

There was nothing coincidental about the seismic activity that accompanied those two events. They were none-too-subtle messages from God: *Pay attention because important things are happening!*

Today, the ground may not physically move, but the Lord is certainly doing some shaking. Political alliances, financial systems, and ethical standards are all being allowed to wobble. We are seeing the flimsiness and decay of structures upon which we’ve based our national pride and hope. Even personal lives are not immune to shock waves. Families are in crisis, and many marriages are buckling. Sadly, people have too often built lives on the weak cornerstones of their *human* wisdom, goodness, and ingenuity. But there is only one secure foundation: Jesus Christ ([1 Corinthians 3:11](#)).

1 Corinthians 3:11 (NASB)

¹¹ “For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

God always has a purpose for allowing upheaval in His ordered creation. Among other things, He is shaking the church out of apathy and self-focus, reminding us not to trust in the temporary structures of this world. Rather, we are to rest upon the firm foundation of God’s steadfast love and salvation.

As the Lord’s ambassadors on earth—and the only ones standing on firm ground—we have a responsibility to offer real hope to those whose foundation is unstable. No job, government, or

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even religion can give a person long-term security. A relationship with Christ is the only lasting refuge.